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SUBJECT: CONTACTS BETWEEN VIET-NAM AND SINGAPORE

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1. WHEN SINGAPORE EMBOFF INFORMED US FEB 17 ABOUT TWO VIET-
NAMESE TRADE DELEGATIONS THE FIRST OF WHICH (INTERESTED IN
POWER PLANTS) IS NOW VISITING SINGAPORE, WE NOTED PRESS
DENIALS THAT SINGAPORE AND THE SRV WERE IN CONTACT IN KUALA
LUMPUR AND ASKED WHERE THE POINT OF CONTACT MIGHT BE. SING-
APOREAN COMMENTED THAT REPORTS OF MEETINGS IN KUALA LUMPUR SEEM
IN FACT TO REFER TO ACTUAL MEETINGS IN KUALA LUMPUR CONNECTED
WITH THE HIJACKING CASE. HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT
MEETINGS THERE. AS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN, HE ADDED, VIETNAMESE
"UNOFFICIAL" TRADE REP IN SINGAPORE, LE VAN MAU, TAKES CARE
OF MAINLY COMMERCIAL CONTACTS AND ARRANGED THE VISITS BY THE
TWO TRADE DELEGATIONS. AS FOR CONTACTS IN BANGKOK, SING-
APOREAN SAID THAT BANGKOK WAS NOT RPT NOT A CONTACT POINT.

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2. COMMENT: COMMENT BY SINGAPORE EMBOFF DOES NOT NECESSARILY RULE OUT THAT DEPUTY PM/DEFMIN GOH KENG SWEI DID
CONTACT VIETNAMESE IN BANGKOK, SINCE SINGAPOREAN DIPLOMAT IN
CONVERSATION WITH US MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING ONLY TO CONTACTS ABOUT TRADE DELEGATION VISITS. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE
OF HIS CUSTOMARY STRAIGHT FORWARDNESS WITH US, WE ARE INCLINED
TO DOUBT THE REPORT IN REFTEL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR

CLUES, HOWEVER.
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